PDS Sugar for Income Tax assessees

4272. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any representation requesting Government to withdraw their order to debar the income-tax payees from getting sugar from the Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact the sugar has been issued to every card holder from P.D.S. in the month of April, 2000; and

(d) if so, on what basis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Since the State Governemtns wanted some more time to complete the process of identification of the income tax assesses among the Public Distribution System (PDS) card holders, it has been decided to implement the desion w.e.f. 1st July, 2000.

Non-delivery of Wheat Stock by Punjab

4273. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :

SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA :

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has deducted Rs. 17.90 crores from the sale bills of Punjab and its agencies for non-delivery of wheat stock from mandis during the year 1997-98.

(b) whether FCI has intimated to Punjab and its agencies the details of centres at which they want to get mandi delivery of wheat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?